

# HELP KIDS COMPETE at NASP®

In 2013 the **Ad Astra Archery Fund** was established at the Topeka Community Foundation. Thanks to generous tax-deductible donations, archers who were eligible to compete at the National Archery in the Schools Program championship were presented with financial awards at the Ad Astra Archery Tournament. For these archers it made all the difference between skipping the NASP® championship or competing in it, and they were the only kids to represent Kansas in the national tournament.

You can make a difference! Here are two ways to help the kids with your charitable donation and receive a tax deduction for your generosity.

- 1) Use a **credit card** to donate at **[www.topekacommunityfoundation.org](http://www.topekacommunityfoundation.org)**. Find "Donate Online" then fill out the form. On the dropdown list following "Please use my donation for" select "Ad Astra Archery Fund."

- 2) Write a **check** payable to **Ad Astra Archery Fund** and mail it to:  
Topeka Community Foundation  
5431 SW 29th St, Suite 300  
Topeka, KS 66614

Your gift will:

- ⦿ promote the sport of archery by teaching children and families safe archery skills,
- ⦿ provide a venue to practice and demonstrate those skills, and
- ⦿ assist qualified kids with travel expenses to the national archery championship.

**THANK YOU!**



# KANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE AD ASTRA ARCHERY TOURNAMENT



A joint effort with the  
Kansas Department of  
Wildlife, Parks and Tourism

# WHAT

Each year since 2011 the Kansas Secretary of State has sponsored the **Ad Astra Archery Tournament** together with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism.

This event is named in honor of the 20-foot-tall bronze statue of a Kanza Indian named “Ad Astra” placed atop the Kansas Capitol dome. The warrior aims his bow and arrow at the north star, illustrating our state motto “ad astra per aspera” meaning “to the stars through difficulties.”

# WHO

Tournament competition is open to all **archers** who:

- ⊙ are in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade, and
- ⊙ have received archery training, and
- ⊙ have been trained with the National Archery in the Schools (NASP®) curriculum before or at this tournament, and
- ⊙ have registered and paid the registration fee before the deadline.

The **public** is welcome to observe and enjoy the festivities at no cost, including the Learn-to-Shoot area where instructors give one-on-one training.

# WHERE

The tournament has been held each year at MacLennan Park in Topeka, Kansas, just south of the governor’s residence. For future tournament locations visit **[www.sos.ks.gov](http://www.sos.ks.gov)**, write **[kay.curtis@sos.ks.gov](mailto:kay.curtis@sos.ks.gov)** or call **(785) 296-4580**.

# WHEN

The tournament has been held each year on a Saturday in April. For future tournament dates and times visit **[www.sos.ks.gov](http://www.sos.ks.gov)**, write **[kay.curtis@sos.ks.gov](mailto:kay.curtis@sos.ks.gov)** or call **(785) 296-4580**.

# WHY

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism administers the Kansas Archery in the Schools Program (KASP). Civics groups, home schools and churches also provide archery instruction and equipment for children to learn and enjoy the sport of archery.

This annual tournament gives Kansas kids a fun day to compete with one another and enjoy other family activities in a lovely outdoor setting.

# HOW

Archers must register for the tournament to compete. All archers compete as individuals, not on teams. For tournament rules and registration information visit **[www.sos.ks.gov](http://www.sos.ks.gov)**, write **[kay.curtis@sos.ks.gov](mailto:kay.curtis@sos.ks.gov)** or call **(785) 296-4580**.

# AWARDS

- ⊙ A plaque is awarded to the three highest scoring individuals in each division.
- ⊙ Divisions are as follows:
  - Kindergarten through 3rd grade  
[5 and 8 meter shooting lines]
  - 4th through 6th grade  
[10 and 15 meter shooting lines]
  - 7th and 8th grade  
[10 and 15 meter shooting lines]
  - 9th through 12th grade  
[10 and 15 meter shooting lines]
- ⊙ Each individual archer who registers and competes will receive a participation medallion and an event T-shirt.
- ⊙ The highest scoring teams or individuals in each division at the KASP statewide tournament who also attend the Ad Astra Archery Tournament are eligible for financial awards for travel expenses to the NASP® national championship. The number of awards and amount of each depends on donations to the Ad Astra Archery Fund.

